Happy New Year

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Christmas Meanings

Christmas is coming, and, with it, the annual problem of what is the true meaning of Christmas.

You'll probably hear that Christmas is a day of love for your fellow man. But why don't you show love for him the other 364 days of the year?

It is also possible you'll hear it is the Christ-child's birthday. If it is his birthday, why does everyone but him receive some gift or other?

There is little or no sense to Christmas. It is just a time for the rich to get richer, the poor to get poorer, the drunk to get drunker, the lonely to get lonelier, and the greedy to get greedier.

None of this has anything to do with love or the Christ-child, but it happens every year.

With just as little sense is that pine tree sitting in most people's homes. You know how people are with their colored bulbs and lights that blink on and off. If there weren't trees in the house, there wouldn't be as many fires or deaths around Christmas time.

And how the character with the red suit and white beard got into the act, I'll never figure out. He doesn't fit anywhere into the picture of the Christ-child.

But never mind what Christmas isn't, there is nothing like the look in the eyes of a young child on Christmas morning.

Maybe Christmas isn't so bad after all.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Why can't we live life's true values all year round? It's amazing — the spirit that moves at this time of the year in the hearts of all of us:

to be kind & thoughtful — where before we were careless and indifferent,

to be generous — where before we lived in selfishness,

to be gentle — where before we had to be rough and unmindful of the weak,

to express our love — where before it had been taken for granted and assumed.

It's rather sad — but then again a very happy time.

Surely Christmas should teach us the unforgettable lesson of the things that matter most — the ties that bind the structure of the family upon which our country and all the world rests; and the love that we have for one another. These are life's true values — so may Christmas linger with us throughout the whole year.

To all a most happy Christmas and peaceful future.

R C Coberly

Principal of Rensselaer Central High School

This is the Christmas issue of the RENSSELAERIEN which RCHS students never saw as school was closed due to heavy snow. Out of loyalty to our subscribers, we have printed it for the benefit of them.

Simple Gifts

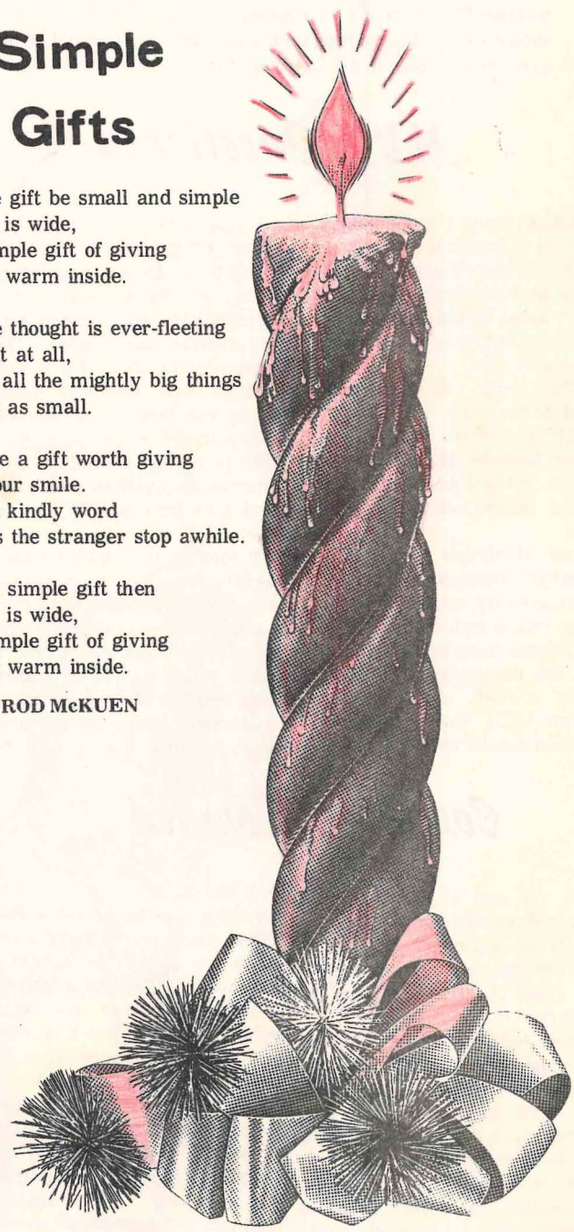
Though the gift be small and simple
if the wish is wide,
just the simple gift of giving
makes you warm inside.

Though the thought is ever-fleeting
if a thought at all,
remember all the mightly big things
started out as small.

So if you've a gift worth giving
let it be your smile.
Let it be a kindly word
that makes the stranger stop awhile.

Let it be a simple gift then
if the wish is wide,
just the simple gift of giving
makes you warm inside.

ROD McKUEN



Job Counselor Needed

Last year, Mr. Day performed an important job as a job counselor. Many businesses in the area would get in touch with him when they needed help. As a result many persons were able to get jobs that they might not have ever known about.

However, with Mr. Day's departure, no new counselor was hired in his place with its job description and as a result we are in extremely poor shape in this area.

Instead of providing for a new job counselor, Mr. Day's duties were given to Miss Christen and Mrs. Pennington. This editorial is not to put the blame on them because they are doing a fine job but any work they do as job counselor comes second to their work as guidance counselors. It's not their responsibility to go looking for jobs.

When Mr. Day was job counselor, he almost always had some sort of job opening, or if he didn't he soon got ahold of one. Now, though, job openings are announced only occasionally during morning announcements. Also, if you happen to miss the announcement, you are out of luck because it's usually never repeated.

We, the members of the **Rensselaerien** staff, feel that it is a serious detriment to a school, to be without the services of such a person.

Although the school year is already too far along to warrant the hiring of a job counselor, we feel that the school should make plans to hire such a counselor as it would be a great benefit both to the school and the entire student body.

MVP Questioned

I'm upset about a couple things I noticed in baseball recently.

First, Pete Rose of the Cincinatti Reds should not be M.V.P. Rose batted .338 to lead the league, but hit only 5 HR and had only 64 RBI.

Willie Stargell, (who thought he should have gotten it) hit .298 with 44 HR and 119 RBI.

Bobby Bond hit .283 with 39 HR & 96 RBI, but had over 40 S.B. and led the league with 131 runs scored.

These statistics show that Stargell and Bonds should be 1st, 2nd respectively, not 2nd and 3rd (as the voting ended up).

The second thing on my mind is about the money involved with running a ball club. As an example, I'll take the San Francisco Giants. Over the past 5 or 6 years, the Giants have lost money every year. This has forced them to sell Superstars Willie McCovey and Juan Marichol, who both earned well over $100,000 per season. The upsetting thing about this is that Marichol was sold for cash, despite the fact San Francisco needs pitchers.

The point I'm making is that some teams have to sell what talent they have just to stay in business.

My idea is to combine ticket receipts of the 12 National League teams and give each club an equal share. If you do the same with the American league, I think it would get rid of owners selling their players to keep out of debt and also make better races in both leagues.

Commons Invaded

At the end of the first nine weeks it was decided to let many freshmen and sophomores out of their study halls and allowed to go either to the commons or library.

Most of the underclassmen then proceeded to invade the commons area. Now the commons is so crowded that people can't even find a place to sit down except on the floors.

It is now so noisy it is impossible to study, granting students need not be totally quiet as such students are supposed to be in the library.

Nothing can be accomplished with so many people in the area. If you are able to get anything done it is of very doubtful quality.

Obviously since no such problem existed before it must be because of the underclassmen.

Many of the underclassmen are not mature enough to be given this freedom. Besides they will be given their chance to be in the commons when they are juniors and seniors. Accordingly, freshmen and sophmores should have been kept in study halls.

Librarians Praised

In this cruel world of ours, seldom does anyone get a word of praise.

Most everyone cuts the librarians down, they make noise just to irritate them, or put their feet on the table just to see how long it takes for the librarian to notice them.

The librarians in spite of ridicule go about their duties and do a good job of it. They don't just marshal the troops, they help poor souls like myself to find that book that they just can't find, or direct people to where they might find what they need. And those smiles are real and sincere.

Librarians study for years to learn how to locate information. When you have a problem in the library finding something, see a librarian, she'll get the book and the information you'll need.

Letter To The Editor

Some of the kids in this school are being criticized for lack of school spirit. This really makes me sick!

They're expected to yell for the same kids that won't have anything to do with them. They're expected to yell for and support the ones who criticize them for how long their hair is or who they run around with or what their name is. They aren't accepted as friends or to any social groups, but they're expected to put out as much.

This isn't fair and it shouldn't be that way. If you don't have a good name or a lot of money you're just a nobody. Nothing is any of your business or concern except to give to the class fund or to support the kids that criticize you.

Letter to the Editor

In the past two issues it has been brought up that the T.V. and radios announce more Chicago scores than anything else.

I would like to point out that since the T.V. and radio stations are in Chicago, it is only natural that they would broadcast Chicago scores.

At least 85 per cent of the viewers are fans of the Hawks, Bulls, Cubs and Bears.

If you want to listen to the scores of the Pirates, Bengals, or Cardinals then move to Pittsburgh, St. Louis, or somewhere else.

NAME WITHHELD

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ODDS 'N ENDS

For all of you who are tired of school, here is news: There are only 98 more days of school. To break this down still farther it means there are 686 hours or 41,160 minutes or 2,469,600 seconds. In other words we have quite a bit of time left.

Most people don't like school, but you can really have a lot of fun in school if you try. For example, have you ever noticed how fast the expressions can change in class right after the teacher announces a pop quiz?

There the whole class sits, laughing and joking. Then the teacher announces the pop quiz and everybody's mouth drops open in an expression of amazement. These expressions of amazement quickly change to ones of anger and shouts of, "You can't do that. You never told us about it."

What do people think pop quizes are? If pop quizes were announced then they wouldn't be pop quizes. This is only one of the humorous things you can find in school if you only look for them. them.

When 19 people were kicked out of school in the same day some time ago that had to set some kind of all time record.

It's nice to see our school authorities are doing something to get our school in the record book.

Something you can do over the Christmas vacation is listen to the prune commercials on WLAK, the stereo music station out of Chicago. They're really gross.

Commercials on television aren't much better. I really feel something should be done about them. People who make these commercials must think that anybody who watches them can't have over the mentality of an eight-year-old child. But then if nobody complains about the commercials maybe the advertisers are right after all.

If you can't smoke it then chew it. That seems to be the attitude of kids around school. It seems like you see more and more people chewing tobacco. It may slow down the smoking in school but chewing the stuff is a gross habit that I think should be stopped.

To end this column I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

Lord's
Ladies Apparel

Hamburgers,
Fries
And
Shakes
At The
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Gwendolyn Brooks Speaks

Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer-Prize winning black poet appeared at Rensselaer Central High School to lecture and read from her poetry recently. Gwendolyn Brooks is the Poet Laureate for the State of Illinois.

It was, certainly, a unique experience for RCHS students — not many nationally known poets (or "poetesses") have appeared at Rensselaer Central. However, the audience was quick to warm up to this strong-voiced woman as she read "Cool, Cool" by Don Lee ("He was so cool, his friends called him refrigerator.").

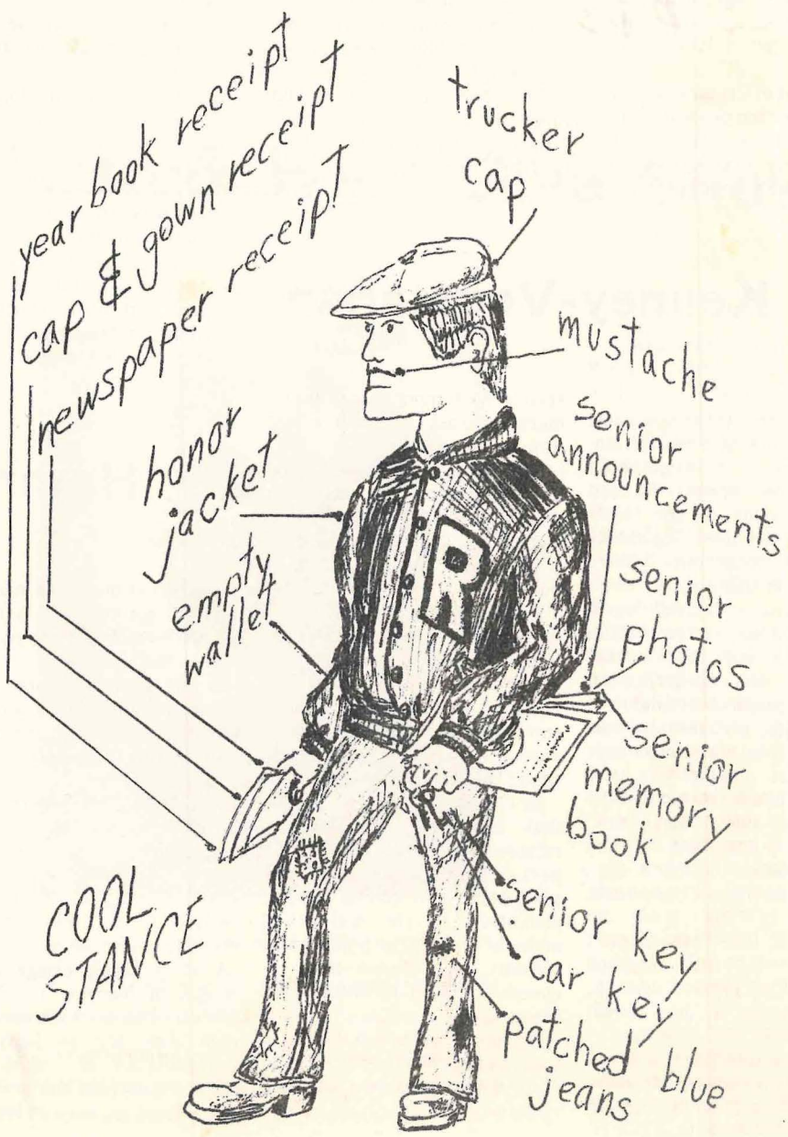
As she read "The Life of Lincoln West," one of her personal favorites, one could feel nervous high school juniors relaxing in their seats. The listeners finally broke into spontaneous applause at Gwendolyn Brooks' reading of the introduction to her book, **Jump Bad.**

Gwendolyn Brooks answered questions afterward. They were at first hesitant ("How do you get the rhythm of your poems to work out — does it just come naturally, or do you have to work at it?"), but the listeners were very soon at ease. "Do your poems have any hidden meanings?" asked one student, suspiciously. "Not usually," she replied, much to the relief of the questioner.

Her readings were well received, as was evidenced by the 20 or 30 students who remained behind after the lecture to talk with her up on the stage — they were spending one of their precious "free periods" there!

SUPER-SENIOR!

#3 in the "super folks" series

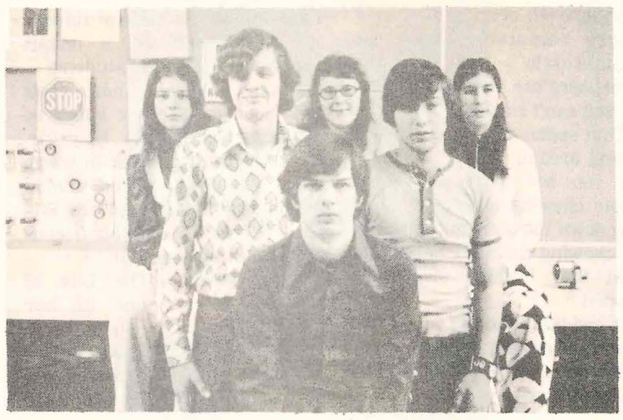


UFO"S PUT DOWN

Is there such a thing as flying objects? If there are such things where do they come from? Do they come from the Moon, or do they come from other planets of our Solar System, such as Venus, Neptune, Mercury, Saturn, Uranus, Pluto, Jupiter, or do they come from Mars? Could it be that other countries are trying to scare us? By now you are all probably wondering why I have asked you all these questions, without any answers. The answer is simply that I don't know, but there is a farmer in the state of Georgia that says he has seen flying objects in his own backyard. Is he just making up stories, just so he can have his name and town printed in newspapers and be heard on television, throughout the country? Then in the morning does he dig up his backyard telling newsmen that this is what the flying object did, just so the country can get a look at his backyard?!

It is a fact that the airforce can not account for ten percent of the reported flying objects, and for the other ninety percent, they say it's just people's imagination.

New Students in RCHS



NEW STUDENTS: FRONT ROW: BILL WILKINS. SECOND ROW: L TO R: JOHN RUFFNER, JIM BORMANN. BACK ROW, L TO R : KATHY HARPER, ROBIN BROWN, DEBBY FORLOW.

The Rensselaerien would like to welcome the following new students to Rensselaer.

The Freshmen class has three new girls; Kathy Harper in her 15th town, from Mt. Ayr, Debbie Forlow from Logansport, and Robin Brown from Lowell.

In the sophmore class is John Ruffner from Remington, and Michael Shepard and Kathryn Jones who were absent during the interview.

Jim Bormann is from DeMotte and a member of the Junior class.

Seniors welcome Bill Wilkens, who's from North Newton.

The students all agreed that Rensselaer is "ok."

Unusual Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a single creature was stirring except for a little devil by the name of Lucifer waiting for Santa Claus.

He was tossing and turning in his flames. So about midnight he came out of his flames and looked under the tree, but Santa hadn't arrived yet. So he went back into the flames and fell fast asleep.

The next morning he got out of his flames and the first thing he had to do was put his points and his clothes on. Second he got all the gifts ready then the little devil came out of his room and under the tree was a brand new tricycle.

Santa Claus had arrived during the night. After all the presents were opened he decided to take his tricycle outside for a "test run." It was very hot, and the grass was not green. He started riding his tricycle when all of a sudden it overturned with Lucifer on it. You all right, asked his older brother, I think my leg is bleeding, said the Devil Lucifer. Sure enough Lucifer had skinned his knee. After he got his leg all bandaged up he decided to put the tricycle away.

Before the big meal the Angel Lucifer gave thanks to the Lord for giving him a tricycle that he always wanted. So with this in mind the Angel Lucifer said Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Editors Note: Lucifer was the Devil up till and after his tricycle accident. This is because the Lord had punished Lucifer for being the Devil. Lucifer knowing this told the Lord he was sorry, so therefore Lucifer became an Angel in heaven.

Joe Kenney-Vegetarian

By this time most of you know that Joe Kenny is a vegetarian.

Joe became a vegetarian because he feels that a vegetarian diet is the most natural diet for man. Joe thinks his body functions more efficiently on this diet.

Joe classifies himself as a lacto-vegetarian; he uses milk.

There are many controversial arguments on vegetarianism based on comparative anatomy, anthropology, archaeology, and religion. Joe's main argument states that people are not carnivore (like a cat) which take pleasure in eating meat raw, bloody, still pulsing with life. The pleasure centers in a cat's brain are activated when it bites into a bird.

Joe states, that "Man doesn't eat meat." He eats prepared meat. He kills it, ages it, broils it, salts it, seasons it, drys it and finally eats it.

Mans digestive tract is about three times his body length where as the cat's is around three. Meat spends much more time in man's digestive tract, giving it a long time to decompose.

Some interesting moral aspects are, if everyone in the whole world would become a vegetarian, we could feed the whole world; no one would go hungry.

We feed about twenty pounds of vegetable protein to a beef steer to get a pound of hamburger.

Vegetable proteins are the equal of animal proteins when combined properly. Joe suggests anyone who is interested should read "Diet For A Small Planet".

In closing Joe stated "I think that it follows the lines of religions that man should live with as little destruction of life as posssible. I am getting kind of sensative to the killing of animals. I went to a pig roast recently and almost lost my cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread.

If peoople had to kill their own food, and not hire mercinaries to do it, there would be a lot more vegetarians."

Hamming It Up

All around the world Amateur Radio is getting to be a bigger and better hobby for the young as well as the old.

In this area there are only 3 active Amateur Radio operators, possibly one or two more if you really dig in the country around Rensselaer.

It really isn't very hard to get an FCC license for Amateur Radio. Most anyone could do it if they would set their minds to it. A person wanting to get a license needs to learn Morse code and some electrical theory.

A lot of people cringe at the thought of learning the Morse code. They think of the confusion when they try to learn the combinations of "dots and dashes." Learning Morse code is just as hard, or easy as learning how to type.

Alicia Moore,, a student at RCHS, has had an FCC license for Amateur Radio for a little over a year and hopes to get a better form of one in about a year.

To be an Amateur Radio operator is to be the person the public would fall back on in case of an emergency where all other forms of communication are inoperative. A ham, as the Amateurs are called, works to further international friendship with foreign contacts. One of the big thrills in radio is the chance that you might meet someone in Africa, Australia, or most anywhere in the world.

For further information write the American Radio Relay League, Newington, Conn. 06111.

EDUCATOR PROFILE

MR. BURVAN

Mr. Joseph Burvan has been teaching for 9 years, and has been a wrestling coach since the new high school was opened six years ago.

Mr. Burvan who also coaches football said, "Coaching is teaching and I like teaching." He went into teaching because he likes working with young people.

Mr. Burvan said that the best trait in an athlete is "desire". In a student, the best quality is "willingness to work."

His main goal as a coach is to make the boys he works with better men and citizens through participation in their society's activities.

BOOK REVIEW

One of my pet peeves is the multitude of writers who attempt to copy Eric Von Danikens' theories and style. The majority of these are only poor imitations of the original. But now another European, Peter Kolosimo, has come out with a book which is more than just an imitation.

Not of This World is an intriguing book about flying saucers plus ancient and modern mysteries. Kolosimo's style is very good. In fact it could be said that Kolosimo is just as good or perhaps even better than Von Daniken.

If this is what you are interested in I would definitely recommend **Not of This World.**

Another book to try is **Banco** by Henri Charriere. Charriere is the author of the book **Papillon**, a true life story of Charrierre and his adventures on the French penal colony of Devil's Island.

Banco is the continuation of these adventures and while not as good as his first book **Banco**, could provide some interesting reading.

Childhoods' End is another masterpiece by that fine writer of science fiction Arthur C. Clarke. This book deals with the takeover of earth by the overlords, who take care of the human race until the time is right for them to join the overmind, a great cosmic intelligence.

This is a very heavy and thought provoking book, and I wouldn't recommend it unless you are really wanting to do some serious reading.

Another book to look at is **The Inheritors** by William Golding. Golding is best known for his book **Lord of The Flies** but in some ways **The Inheritors** is an even better book.

The Inheritors is a novel about an early neanderthal cave man and his fight for life. Golding has a way of capturing the simple mind and making a story which is believeable. This book isn't a classic but it is worthwhile reading.

North & West Give Show

Noted Poet Speaks

Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet-Laureate of Illinois, lectured here recently.

At the age of seven Gwendolyn Brooks started writing and she has now completed nine poetry books and one novel. She has gained recognition all over and has won many awards, including the Pulitzer Prize.

All of Gwendolyn Brooks' poems represent an emotion or an experience. Each poem is carefully thought about, drafted, and then rewritten until every word has a meaning.

Through her poems Brooks tries to reach out to kids and help people. She thinks you should write about that which you know best. Her poems are written mainly about Negroes since she feels she knows them best.

Gwendolyn Brooks has kept everything she's written since she was eleven. She said she doesn't have a favorite poem, but she does have favorite lines or phrases.

MIKE AND SHEILA BRICE, ALIAS NORTH AND WEST, RECENTLY GAVE A SHOW TO THE STUDENT BODY. THEIR SHOW, WHICH INCLUDED MODERN HITS WITH OLD FAVORITES, WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STANDING OVATION THEY GOT AT THE END OF THEIR PERFORMANCE.

Rensselaer Central High School students were presented with a wonderful Christmas present recently.

It was the team of North and West, a married couple fresh from England touring the United States. Off the stage they go as Mike & Sheila Brice. For seven years they have featured in night clubs and cabarets all over England.

Their hour-long performance started with good old American and English folk songs. To change the pace the audience was divided into two groups where they competed and sang with the song "Heidi Ho."

To beloved Dan Hammond, Sheila sang an old English lullaby. North and West finished with a medly of great hits from the early 70's that were popular in their country such as "American Pie", "Mama Don't Dance", "Brand New Key", and "Leroy Brown" by the late Jim Croce.

In closing they received a two-minute standing ovation, something unusual and complimentary from the R.C.H.S. student body.

Hydrogen As Gas Replacement

Mr. Middleton, head of the science department, has suggested that hydrogen maybe used for fuel in the United States if we have a truly dangerous fuel shortage.

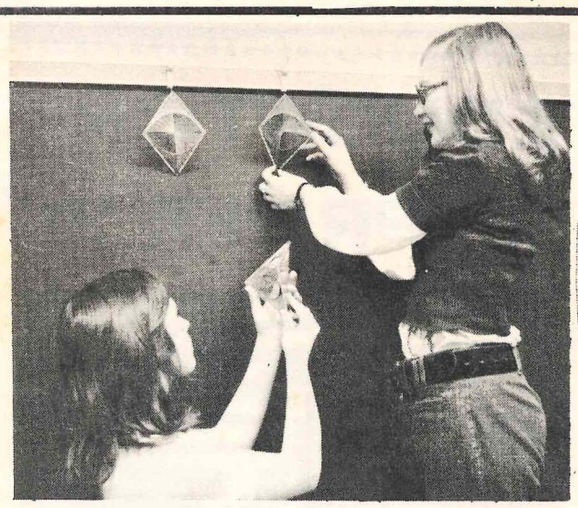
Mr. Middleton believes that in five to fifteen years, cars will be powered by hydrogen instead of gasoline, which is used today.

Today many people are selling their larger cars and going to smaller cars because of the fuel shortage.

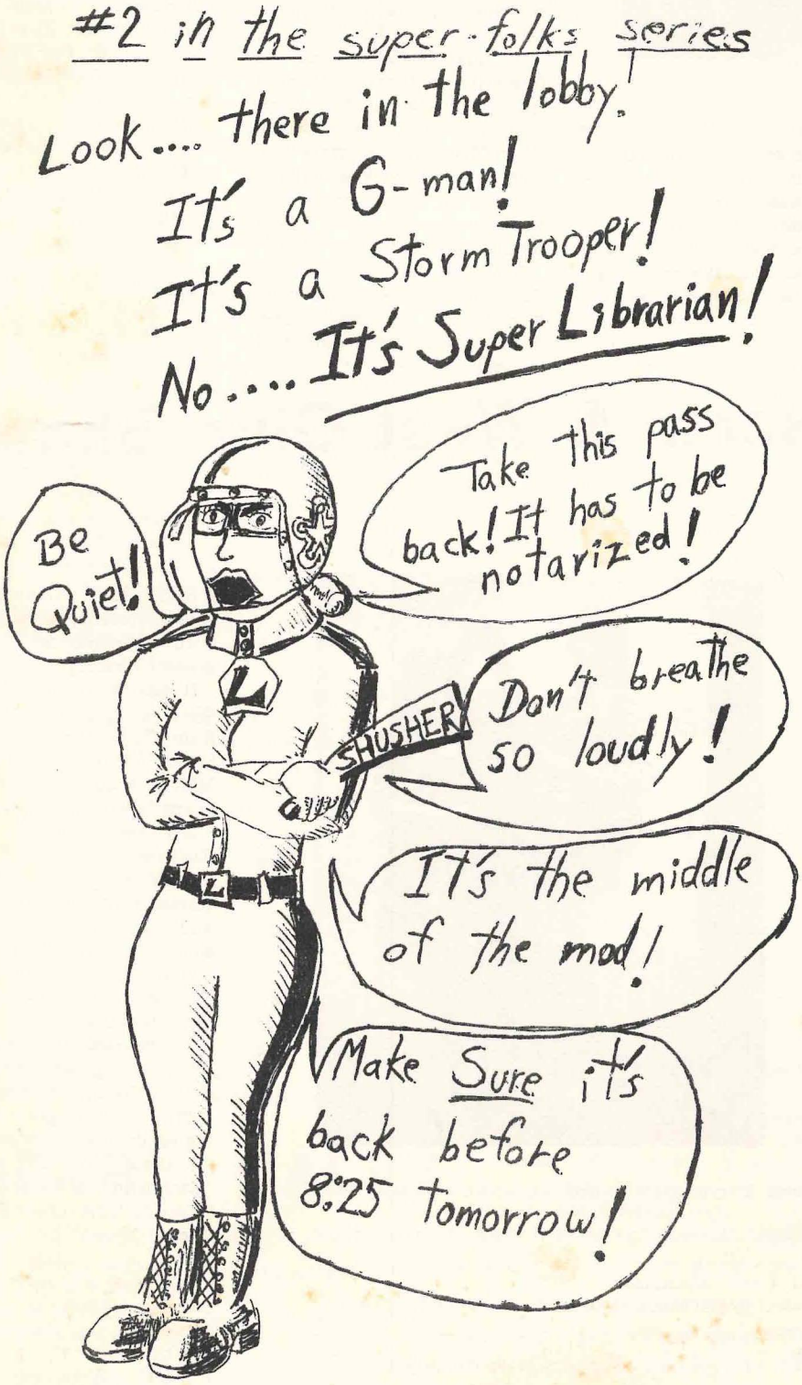
There are really only a couple problems with hydrogen and that is the large amount of electricity required to break the water molecules and the shipping of this product once made, as it has to be pressurized continually and service station tanks will need to be reconstructed.

There would be about a ninety-nine percent decrease on pollution from the current automobile of today.

Also since there is so much water on the earth which isused to produce hydrogen, there would not be a shortage because the by-product would return to water.



MR. BAUMAN AND MR. CARTER, MATH TEACHERS, ARE DOING SOMETHING CREATIVE TAMMY FERGUSON AND HENRIETTA MANNS ARE SHOWN HANGING THEIR STRING SCULPTURES WHICH WERE MADE IN GENERAL MATHEMATICS CLASS


#2 in the super-folks series
Look.... there in the lobby.
It's a G-man!
It's a Storm Trooper!
No.... It's Super Librarian!
Be Quiet!
Take this pass back! It has to be notarized!
SHUSHER
Don't breathe so loudly!
It's the middle of the mod!
Make Sure it's back before 8:25 tomorrow!

Parents Dominate 4-H

The organization that we know as 4-H is extended though every state in the U.S. and nearly every country in the world. It is undoubtly one of the finest youth organizations in the world.

The prime purposes of 4-H are build leadership, develop skills, learn a trade, enhance the members abilities, and to make money.

But like many organizations, 4-H has been misused.

For many kids who normally wouldn't participate, the parents do all the work and then expect the kids to take over during the fair.

The parent picks out the calf, spends outlandish prices for the project (for example for calves, instead of spending $300.00 to $500.00 for a calf, they spend anywhere from $600 to $1250.00.

The parents then feed, take care of and train the animals and do all of the work for the kinds. Then the kids get all of the glory and profit.

The real purpose of 4-H is being crushed with the parents doing everything.

Life is different; we go out on our own and make a living.

This is what 4-H is supposed to do, but how can it, when the parents dominate and take advantage of the scene.

It's time something was done — isn't it?

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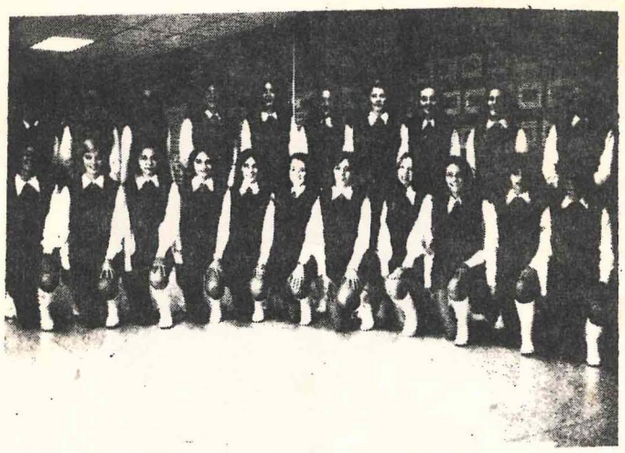
Bomberettes



THE BOMBERETTES HAVE PERFORMED DURING HALFTIME OF ALL HOME GAMES THIS YEAR

The Bomberettes are an outstanding group of performers who've brought recognition to RCHS.

They started to work in August when they attended a week of training at the Rensselaer Central High School.

On Monday, August thirteenth Carol Schull was introduced to the group. Carol was to instruct them on a variety of techniques, including dance steps and the ankle-knee marching step.

She was chosen to instruct them because of the talent she's shown as a member of the Sparkettes dance corp at Indiana State University.

Camp sessions were held Monday through Thursday of the week of August thirteenth. The daily schedule included five hours of practice. The day began at 8:30, and at 12:00 an hour and a half was given for lunch and the dismissal time was 3:00.

The camp ended with an exhibition put on Thursday evening in the high school gym. Being open to the public, it was the girls first performance of the new season.

Four awards were given at the exhibition. Mary Cappiccilli was titled "the girl with the smiles." Carol Bachman had the best attitude award. Ginny Duke was awarded a spirit candle, and Cindy Wienert was given the most improved award.

Hoping to perform at all home games, they will be kept very busy. They also must practice routines to be done in the stands. The girls would like to promote school spirit by their activities.

It sure seems like an amazing feat to have twenty-one girls with different likes and dislikes perform routines which demand perfect togetherness.

They've certainly proved what a little bit of hard work and a smile can do.

After all their hard work, the week ended appropriately with a tent party in Ginny Duke's back yard. Can you imagine the commotion as twenty-one girls full of excitement tried to sleep in two tents!

Later, as football season began, the girls attended all band practices plus one practice a week set aside for them alone.

They performed a variety of numbers including glove, pom pom, dance and drill.

Football season ended on a happy note for the girls, in spite of the 35 degree weather. The last routine brought such favorable response in the stands that the applause could be heard even though everyone wore gloves or mittens.

The Bomberettes are looking forward to a successful basketball season. Maracas were used in their first performance at the Rensselaer-Lowell game, and the routines were well liked.

Snooping Made Easy

Nearly everyone at some time has been accused of snooping into something which is none of their business.

But there is something about Christmas that really brings out the curiosity in people.

The curiosity bug has no special victims. It attacks everyone male or female, old or young, rich or poor.

If curiosity about what you are getting for Christmas is getting the best of you, then this article was written with you in mind. We will look at several ways that will help you find your present and you'll also get several excuses to use if caught.

One of the most commonly used methods is the sneak-around-the-house play. This method is not recommended since most people can't pull it off without looking suspicious.

Instead, why not volunteer to help do the spring cleaning early. In this way closets can be gone through and beds looked under with no problem.

Another good method to use is threats. A word of warning, though, this method will only work if you have little brothers or sisters because threats usually don't work against parents.

You can easily threaten smaller brothers and sisters, who have gone Christmas shopping with your parents, by saying, "You better tell me what I'm getting for Christmas or else . . ."

Then after you find out, tell them, "Don't tell mom and dad or else . . ."

Always remember to put in the "or else" because your brother or sister may not believe you otherwise.

If you fail to find your presents before they get wrapped don't give up hope because there are still several ways to find out what it is.

Probably the oldest method is the feel and shake plan of attack.

Unless your present is in a box you can usually feel what it is. If it is in a box you can still find out what it is by grasping the box firmly in both hands and shaking vigorously to hear what it sounds like.

However, this method is not always advisable as many parents are notorious for giving presents that are extremely fragile.

Another method to use is to slip your finger under the paper where it is folded over and then bring your finger up quickly, tearing the paper slightly.

It is easily repaired after you have found out what it is. This is probably the simplest and most effective way of snooping.

We hope this article will be of help to you. But remember, if all else fails, you always get to open them on Christmas Day.

QUICK THINKING CUTTERS

For those people who eat in the lunch line you know that one of the most maddening things that can happen is to have someone cut in front of you.

However, while the person who cuts in line makes you mad, many times you have to admire them for the excuses they dream up when you ask them why they cut. In this article I would like to discuss these excuses.

One of the best excuses, at least for upperclassmen, is: "I'm a senior so it's okay." Sometimes, though, you get an upperclassman, who doesn't have much imagination, who says, especially to a freshman, "Shut up. You're just a punk freshman."

People who are a pain but a cutter who can't come up with something a little more original really tees you off.

Juniors and seniors aren't the only ones who cut. Freshmen and sophomores also cut, but not as much, probably because they aren't as big as the juniors and seniors.

Freshmen and sophomores, while not cutting as much usually come up with the better excuses some of these are:

"I just want to stand here to talk to him about an assignment."

"He owes me a punch."

"She was just holding my place while I went to buy a ticket."

These are only a few of the fabulous excuses that you can hear every day down in the lunch line.

So from now on, when someone cuts in front of you, don't get mad and start a fight. Instead, ask him what he think he's doing and see what kind of an excuse he can come up with.

Students Need Better Manners

Recently we had a guest speaker, Gwendolyn Brooks, one of the great modern poets.

Gwendolyn Brooks is an outstanding speaker, but her audience, RCHS students, is not near as outstanding.

Throughout her presentation, it seems that all many students of RCHS could do is talk, laugh, etc.

If the students cannot control themselves any better than this, we shouldn't have speakers or convocations of any kind.

CHRISTMAS HEADACHE

The purpose of the following articles is to show our readers how a "visit from St. Nicholas" could have been written in hard English

Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap-

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Twas the nocturnal segment of the Diurnal period preceding the annual Yuletide celebration . . . and throughout our place of residence . . . kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential . . . including thatspeciesof domestic rodent known as mus musculus. Hosiery was meticulously suspended from the forward edge of the woodburning caloric apparatus . . . pursuant to our anticipatory pleasure regarding an imminent visitation from an eccentric philanthropist among whose folkloric appellations is the honorific title of St. Nicholas. The prepubescent siblings . . . comfortably ensconced in their respective accommodations of repose . . . were experiencing subconscious visual hallucinations of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrums. My conjugal partner and I . . . attired in our nocturnal head coverings ...were about to take slumbrous advantage of the hibernal darkness.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BILL BRAASCH

For our Senior spotlight this issue, we've chosen Bill Braasch.

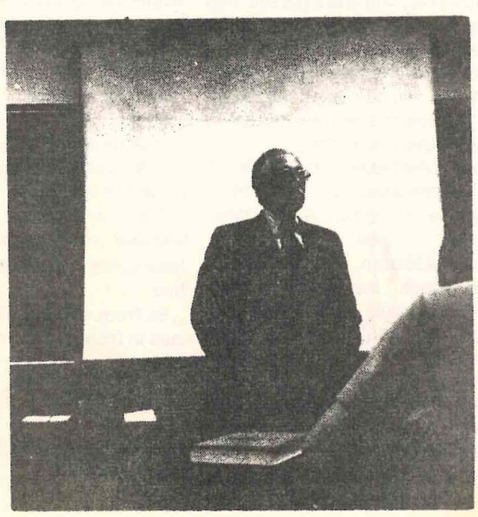
Bill has shown school spirit by being active in more than one area of school life. In sports, Bill has contributed by being captain of the football team, running track, and playing basketball.

In clubs, Bill serves as President of Monogram Club, Vice President of National Honor Society, and a member of Mystical Knights.

When asked which sport he preferred he said he liked them equally well, and that "everyone should participate in athletics for their own good."

In the future Bill sees Purdue University with a major in engineering.

ADVERTISING PIONEER ADDRESSES BUSINESS CLASSES



MR. STEIN

Mr. Curtis M. Stein of Stein companies of Ft. Wayne visited our school and talked to a number of Mr. Smart's business classes regarding the specialty advertising, industry, recently. The students had been prepared for the visit by viewing a film on specialty advertising the day before.

Mr. Stein is a pioneer in the field, and has won numerous awards in National competitions for his creative items. His firm has as clients a number of nationally known firms, some of which have been with him for over thirty years.

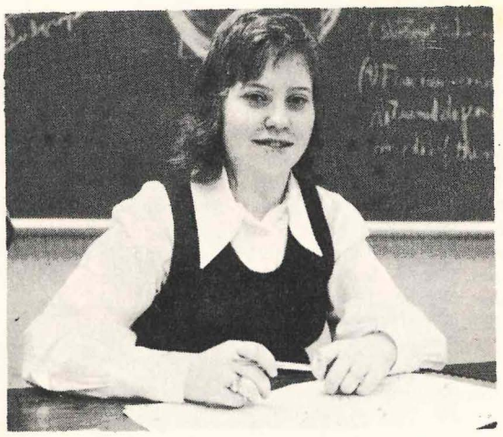
Certain sales campaigns and promotional techniques, were illustrated on an opaque projector. Mr. Stein proved the value of specialty media in increasing sales and in motivating sales staffs.

Mr. Stein gave each student a number of typical advertising specialties such as key chains, expanding blotter sponges, ball-point pens, and others as each class was dismissed.

Mr. Stein lectures each year at Indiana University and Purdue University. This was his first experience in talking with high school classes. He later reported to the instructor that he found his visit to our school quite enjoyable, and offered to return again next year.

Mr. Smart and the class, appreciate greatly the fact that an expert of his calibre would drive 260 miles at his own expense to aid in the educational effort.

Student Teacher Review



MISS WUEBKER

Miss Ruth Wuebker, the student teacher aiding Mr. Bauman, is a very active senior at St. Joe.

Coming from Maria Stein, Ohio, she's a member of Blue Key, Courier Club, a past member of marching band, and on the academic affairs board. She's also involved in Math-Lab tutoring.

Miss Wuebker, a major in Math, enjoys student teaching and had this to say about it. "I believe in the future of today's youth and feel education plays a vital role in the lives of the youth of today's society."

After graduation she hopes to find a teaching job here in the midwest.

Her hobbies include sewing, reading, and socializing.

Math Office is Place To Go

One of the major arguments used by students, who leave school, is that there is nothing to do in your free period.

However, it is the contention of the **Rensselaerien** that there actually is quite a lot to do if you only look.

One of the many activities you can do is to visit the math office.

Anyone is allowed to come to the math office. But Mr. Baumann would like it to be known that being able to come to the math office is a privilege so students are asked to observe the following rules so they keep this privilege.

1. If you are in the math office, you asked to be participating in some, game or activity.
2. Respect other peoples' property in the office.
3. Keep the noise down as classes are going on in adjoining rooms.

Among the many activities, there are regular chess, speed chess (chess played with timed moves), square off (a game where you must connect numbers and letters with lines), and the new rage of give away chess where you try to lose all your pieces first.

Math students are also invited to use the calculator with the teacher's permission and computer students may use the keypunch located there. Mr. Baumann would like it to be known that only computer students will be allowed to use the keypunch.

There is almost always someone there ready to play a game of chess or square off. But the greatest number of games usually takes place during 6th and 7th modes.

The math office is also the unofficial meeting place for the chess club since their chess sets are stored there. Anyone interested in joining the chess club should contact someone who is already a member.

It should be remembered that it is a privilege to go to the math office. Anyone abusing this privilege will be asked to leave and not come back.

But if this privilege is not abused, the math office can be a place of considerable entertainment.

MARIA FERNADIS LEAVES FOR HOME

Maria de fatima Fernadis' visit has come to an end. She arrived 21st) and left December 13th.

Maria, who's home is in Araxa, Minar Gerais, Brazil, feels that there are many differences between here and there.

Schools are different. In Brazil they study six days a week, but for only a half a day-either morning or afternoon. The required subjects there are four years of math, Portuguese, and history; 3 years of science — chemistry, biology, and physics; 2 years of English and a year of psycology.

According to Maria social life is different too, she thinks Brazilians have more time to talk and have fun. Families are closer and friends go to clubs to play, talk, swim, and dance.

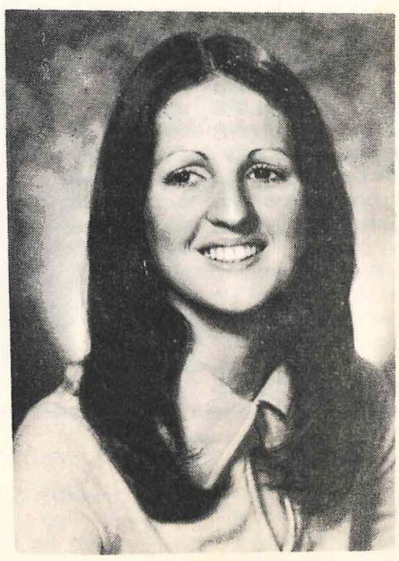
One difference that Maria hasn't mastered is the weather. The temperature in Brazil is always between 70 degrees and 80 degrees except in January and February when it reaches 100 degrees. Here she says "it's too cold!"

Maria's looking forward to going home; she said she misses her family, friends, soccer and carnival. She had this to say about her visit here.

"I like knowing different things, places and people. I had the chance to see things I had never imagined in the United States. I really like Rensselaer, and I love to see the seasons change. With all the differences, I learned a lot. The most important thing I learned is that people all over the world want the same things; they cry and smile, they love and they are individuals-no matter where they live."

During her stay she lived in four homes — Henry's, Ayre's, Smith's, and Mangus'. When she came, she could hardly speak English, but when she leaves she'll be speaking it fluently.

Living in a strange country is difficult but Maria has definatly mastered it.



MARIA FERNANDIS

POPULAR CULTURE

By Joe Kenny

New labeling laws are having an effect; there are now several TV dinners called "GRAVY with sliced beef."

"Students are $4.50 and adults are $9.00. On sale now in the front office." Who's complaining about inflation? In 1860 a prime field hand went for $1600.00.

Movies coming to the Palace. **Pippi Longstocking** and **Charlotte's Web** are both aimed at pre-high-schoolers (pre-middle-schoolers, even) and are both extremely G. Perhaps you'd enjoy them anyway.

Paper Moon is extremely funny, entertaining, and well done. Once you get over its being in black and white, it's pure enjoyment.

Upton Sinclair describes dishwashing in strong terms: "And note that this is most filthy and deadening and brutalizing work; that it is a cause of anemia, nervousness, ugliness, and ill temper; of prostitution, suicide, and insanity; of drunken husbands and degenerate children..."(A good excuse next time you have to wash the dishes)

There's a new glue out called "Instant Crazy Glue." It comes in a convenient spray can, bonds like epoxy, and dries in 15 seconds. Which is the problem; get a speck on your eyelid — and it's glued shut. Get a little on your fingers — and they're glued together (extremely tightly, too.) The glue now carries warnings to exercise extreme caution in using it.

U.S. Gets New V.P.

Gerald R. Ford was sworn in by Chief Justice Warren Burger as the 40th Vice-President. This ended a 57 day vacancy left following the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew.

President Nixon, along with his wife, the new Vice-President's wife and children, and members of the White House staff attended the inaugural.

Ford was confirmed 387 to 35 by the House of Representatives.

After the inaugural, Ford made a brief speech.

Ford's family includes his wife Betty, sons: Steven, John and Michael, and a daughter, Susan.

P.C. CONT'D

Books: The **1974 World Almanac** is just out. Buy one. It's an invaluable reference, and costs only $2.25.

Glenn Potter, Brigham Young University basketball coach, describes their various defenses: "No. 1 is the funnel, where we lead them right to the basket. No. 2 is the sieve, where we let them go anywhere. No. 3 is the matador, where we just wave at them as they go by."

T.V.: The Rockefellers, a CBS documentary, will be shown Dec. 28 at 8:00. **F. Scott Fitzgerald and "The Last of the Belles"** is a biography of the famous author combined with one of his short stories. Jan. 7 at 8:00 **Journey to the Outer Limits** is about the Outward Bound Wilderness School; see what some of your peers do in high school. Jan. 10 at 7:00.

A baby is expected at the Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn, New York. Its father is a zebra and its mother is a donkey. The new arrival will be called a "zonkey."

(An honest-to goodness ad from **Saturday Review World** magazine): "DO YOUR PETS SNORE ALL NIGHT? Our scientists have designed a special adjustable harness that gently reminds your little furry friend not to sleep on his back with his legs sticking up—the position that invariably leads to habitual and raucous snoring. Doubles as convenient carrying handle."

Seniors Get Political Experience

George C. Wallace (Ed Davisson) was elected presidential democratic candidate at this year's senior Mock Convention.

Other candidates included: Edmund Muskie, (John Gates) Birch Bayh, (Dave Rose) Carl Albert, (Mike Williams) Henry Jackson, (Keith Snow) Shirley Chilsom, (Sherry Holliday) and Ted Kennedy, (Bill Critser.)

On Wednesday, to start the convention, the "Pledge Of Allegience" was lead by Jay Spencer, and Paul Salyers. Then the singing of "The National Anthem" was lead by Dana Womelsdorff and Tony Ulm. Pat Childs had the prayer, followed by a speech by Mayor Lugar (Ed Edmonds) of Gary welcoming the delegates to Gary. This was followed by a speech by Governor Otis Bowen (Cindy Leichty).

Roll call of the states was taken by Maureen Donovan, Madame chairman. The chairman of the convention was Preston Henry and he also had the keynote speech.

Next the candidates were put into nomination. Edmund Muskie was put into nomination by Jim Schrum. The seconding speech was made by Clark Fortune. Ted Kennedy was put into nomination by Kathy Hannon. Kennedy's seconding speech was made by Daryl Nagel. Next Henry Jackson was put into nomination by Rena Rosch. He's seconding speech was made by Tony Ulm. Carl Albert was put into nomination by Mike Moosemiller. A seconding speech was made by Greg DeWees. The fifth candidate, Birch Bayh, was put into nomination by Gary Harmon, followed by a seconding speech by Dean Blackburn. The next candidate, Shirley Chilsom was nominated by Kent Mathew and the seconding speech by Doug Studer. The last candidate George Wallace was nominated by B. J. Odom. This was followed by a seconding speech by Steve Howell. After the first ballot, Carl Albert was first, Birch Bayh, second, George Wallace third and Ted Kennedy, fourth.

On Thursday the second session of the convention was held. After the "Pledge Of Allegience" and "The National Anthem" the second ballot was taken. After the vote, the presidential candidates were narrowed down to Kennedy and Wallace.

After the final vote, the total was 1678 for Wallace and 1493 for Kennedy. Then the acceptance speech was made by George Wallace (Ed Davisson). Then Wallace chose Carl Albert (Mike Williams) as his vice-President. Then the acceptance speech was presented by Albert.

After this, the convention was dismissed.

Wall Notes

THE GREATEST GIFT ONE CAN GIVE TO ANOTHER PERSON IS A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE AND THE ABILITY TO LOVE AND BELIEVE IN SELF. Chantal

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DEAR SALLY

Dear Sally

I have this problem with my boyfriend. Everytime I am with him he crosses his legs like a girl. What can I do to stop him. I am so worried.

Signed Concerned.

Dear Concerned

Break up with him immediately for he might be a she.

Yours truly,
Sally

No Gas? What To Do

Due to the fuel shortage and gas stations now being closed on Sunday, the question of "what teens are going to be doing on Sunday" was presented to some students from RCHS.

Following are a brief collection of statements from the many students who were interviewed:

"Stay home and watch oldies but goodies on TV." T. M.

"Ride around on the gas I bought Saturday night." C. F.

"Ride my horse and buggy." G. G.

"Watch Charlie Chan and Sherlock Holmes." T. B.

"Try to increase my points on the test we took in debate class. Ha! Ha!" D. J.

CornShow

Jasper County held its 47th annual Corn Show recently. The show consisted of various displays of corn, soybean exhibits, and pumpkins.

The show was open to anyone other than residents of Jasper County.

There were displays of food that had been made artificially from corn and soybeans.

Some winners in the corner category were: King — John Harbison, Prince — Scott Nagel, and Queen — Melissa Harbison.

Soybean winners were: Best Adult — Morris Clark, Best Youth — Ronnie Jordan and Best 4-H — Sam Lehe.

The Pumpkin winners were: Heaviest Pumpkin — Chandi Yates, and Best Decorated Pumpkin — Ester Smucker.

The Night Before Christmas- Watergate Style

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the U.S.
All the people were crying, "The country's a mess!"
The heaters were lowered to save fuel for driving,
and meanwhile on wall street the Dow Jones was diving
The gas station owners were all snug in their beds,
While visions of bankruptcy danced in their heads;
and Ford up and coming and Hunt in his cell,
were skeptic about their own futures as well.

I went to bed slowly, these thoughts on my mind
when from out on the street came a crash and a grind.
Away to the window I flew like a light.
a noise meant sure trouble so late in the night.
The streetlights shone down on the muddy wet snow
shining off dimmly the parked cars below
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
but the president's copter shifting down to 3rd gear.
with the gray-templed passenger tricky and quick
I knew in a moment it must be Dear Dick.
Behind him some men in a chartered plane came
and Dick whistled, and shouted, and called them by name
"Now Henry, now Gerald, Sireka and Vixon,
It's keep on truckin', or my name aint Nixon!
To the top of that highrise! to the top of the wall!
Now come along! come along! come along all!"
So up to my penthouse the pilots they flew
with the plane full of men and the president too.
And then in a twinkling, that shook the whole room,
the two air crafts landed with one sonic boom.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around
through the ceiling came Nixon with a leap and a bound.
His face showed pure triumph, twas hardly benighn,
and both fingers held high in the victory sign.
"Wow!" I said finally, "is this ever tuff!
Here's a chair. Please sit down, can I ask you some stuff?"
He accepted the seat, but threw me a sharp look
"Just remember, " he said, "that I am no crook!"
"Is it true sir", I asked (For I'd heard it been tole')
that the bad boys and girls just get switches & coal?"
"Well yes," nodded Nixon, "this year there's a few—the news media, Cox, Dean, and Agnew."
"But of course," added he, with a nod towards his goods,
"there's an extra big present this year for Miss Woods!"
Then he jumped up quite suddenly and said, "I must go!
There's much work waiting for me, can't dally you know."
"Oh please sir" I begged him must you really go?
There's so very much more that I wanted to know."
He flushed a bit at the excuse that he gave:
"I've a meeting tonight with Bebe at Camp Dave."
He sprang to his copter, and signaled a whistle
and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
"Don't be sad though," he called as he crashed out my door,
"There's more fun and surprises in '74!"

JV Basketball Reviewed

Rensselaer's Junior Varsity Basketball Squad got off to a great start this season when they beat the Lafayette Jefferson J.V.'s in the Valparaiso tournament. But in the championship game the junior Bombers lost to Valparaiso.

J.V.'s next opponent was the Lowell Red Devils. The final score was a 50-42 Bomber victory. High scorers for the J.V.'s were Pat Kanney and Duane Nelson with 11, followed by Mark Streitmatter and Dave McCorkel with 6 points.

J.V.'s next contest was against the Tri-County Cavaliers. The star of the game in this one was obviously Pat Kanney as he made a beautiful steal in the fourth quarter and drove in as the score read 40-39, Rensselaer. With 1:15 Roger Cook made a steal, that made the score 42-39. With 0:17 left in the game Pat Kanney made another steal as the Junior Bombers won 45-41.

West Lafayette was their next opponent. The game was played there, and the J.V.'s lost by the score of 48-39. Rensselaers high scorers were Kanney with 16, Nelson, 8, Streitmatter with 4 and Jim Simmons 5.

The J.V.'s record now stands at 3-2.

Band Concert Draws Crowd

Two hundred fifty people showed up for the RCHS band concert last week.

On December 11, the high school concert band and stage band had a concert. They played a variety of tunes, old and new.

The stage band also played for the senior citizens last Monday.

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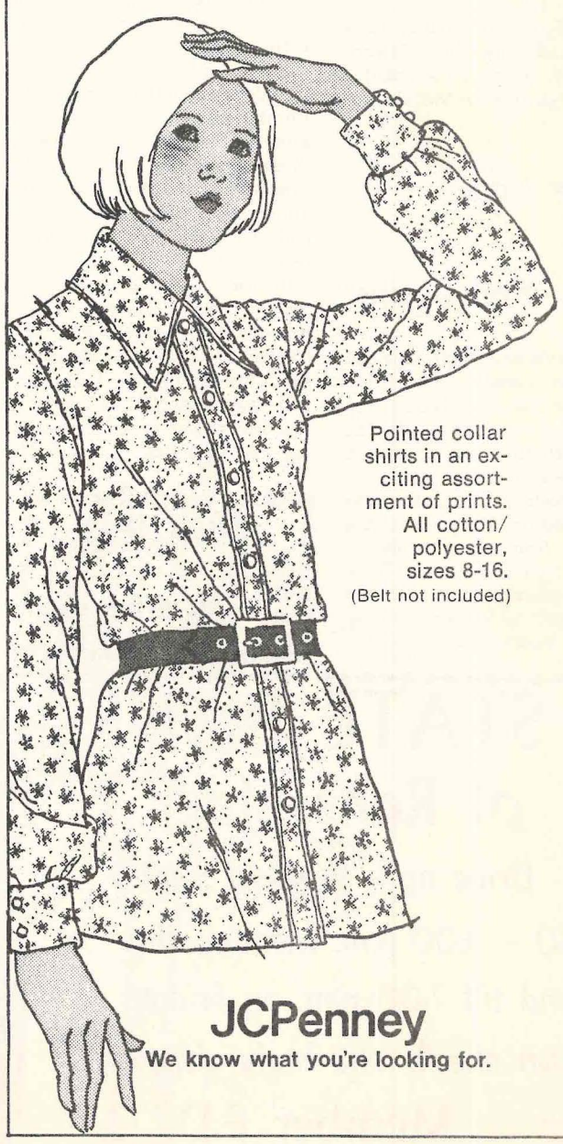

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Students Complain Over No Food

Many students have been complaining that by the time they get through the ala-carte line that there is hardly anything left.

The reason for this is mainly because there is not an accurate count on how many people are eating in the hot lunch line.

In an interview with Mr. Roberts and the head cook, Mrs. Shuster, they expressed the idea that if the students would help in giving a better home room lunch count, then they could prepare the proper amount of food at noon.

An example would be if 200 people raised their hand to eat in the hot lunch line, then the cooks would not prepare a whole lot for the ala-carte line.

But if out of 200 that raised their hands only 100 would eat in the hot lunch line, there would not be enough food in the ala-carte line.

Senior Caps And Gowns

Seniors voted on their caps and gowns on Tuesday, December sixth. The colors to choose from were red, blue, and gold. The color that this year's seniors selected was blue.

Announcements for graduation were voted on. The seniors had selection from three types of announcements. The announcements were selected and ordered. Graduation is only 18 school weeks away.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

GINNY DUKE

Ginny Duke, our female Senior Spotlight, has been active in many areas of life.

Her school involvement includes Pep Club, Captain of the Bomberettes, Secretary of Student Council, and the past three years she was on the executive board of Sunshine and a member of Choir. She was also picked to take the Good Citizen test.

In the community she has proven her leadership as President of her 4-H Club, treasurer of U.M.Y.F., pianist of the Christian Science Church, and a member of Junior Leaders. Besides that she's employed at Superior Cleaners.

Ginny is very proud of the Bomberettes. "Everyone's really worked hard this year. The girls are all participating—each one is doing a routine for basketball." As for the school spirit, "I feel that apathy is the most destructive weapon in any school system."

Sewing is one of her hobbies, along with embroidering, snowmobiling and ice skating. Her favorite subjects are Home Ec., Math and English. In English she's working on the Independent Study Program and she'd highly recommend it. She said "I feel like I've learned a lot more."

Her future is still uncertain. She plans on attending college, but she hasn't selected a specific one yet.

Record Review

"Space Ritual" is really the true meaning for the double record. Various instruments such as an audio generator, moog synthesizer, and electronics are blended together with some good rock "N" roll. Hawkwind is unique in many ways as Lemmy K. the groups, bass player, seems to be the lead instrument as Dave Brocles Guitar is actually playing rythm.

Hawkwind blends their electronic sounds along with their fantastic lighting show to produce a space and unique sound. Their music has been designed to really "space out" people.

Songs such as "Orgone Acumlator," "Earth Calling" and "Lord of the Light" provides the solid rock "n" roll. Cuts of the album are just mere sythesizer and electronic solos which don't really take much talent but are really great.

Hawkwind is not popular, and I don't think they'll get popular. But as far as I'm concerned they are one if the best groups England can offer. "Space Ritual" from my view is one of the best live albums on the market. Although Hawkwind picked up their music concept from various German groups they still produce their own sound, not a copy of some other group. Album rating is A.

Senior Play In Spring

Many students have been asking the question, is there going to be a senior play?

In a recent interview with Mr. Ryan, play director, he stated that tentative plans are for a senior winter play and then a spring all school variety show.

Mr. Ryan thinks that the variety show would be successful because everyone could be involved doing only things they wanted to do.

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Basketball Review

Rensselaer's varsity got off to a rough start this season with two straight losses in the Valparaiso tourney. They lost to eventual tourney champ Valparaiso and lost to East Gary.

Lowell played the Bombers here on Saturday, December first. The result was an 86-56 victory. Leading scorers for the Bombers were Jeff Tatlock with 26 points, Dan Wiener with 16, and Dave Gehring and Bob Kurtz with 17 each.

Rensselaers next opponent was Tri-County. The Bombers shot an incredible fifty-seven percent from the field and made only nine errors as they won the game 79-58.

High scorers in the game for Rensselaer were Jeff Tatlock with twenty-one, Bill Braasch seventeen, Larry Dewees, twelve, Dan Weiner, nine, and Dave Gehring had seven.

Travelling to West Lafayette to meet there next opponents, the Red Devils. Rensselaer shot a mere 30 percent, as they lost 79-49. High scorers were Gehring 15, Dewees 9, Wiener 7, Tatlock 8, and Kurtz with 5.

Rensselaer now has a record of 2-3.

BASKETBALL PREDICTIONS

Tonight the Bombers are at Kankakee Valley and here are my predictions for the upcoming games. The Bombers by three over Kankakee Valley.

Rensselaer will be participating in a holiday tournament at Rochester. On Friday and Saturday December, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth.

My predictions is Rochester over Rensselaer by five. Twin Lakes over Jimtown by ten. Then in the consolation game, the Bombers over Jimtown by twelve.

In the championship game Rochester over Twin Lakes by eight, to win their own tourney. On January eleventh the Bombers travel to Knox and I will predict that Rensselaer will win by twenty.

On Saturday, January 12, the Bombers will play Pioneer here. Rensselaer over Pioneer by one.

Holiday Tourney

ROCHESTER HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNEY Dec. 28 & 29, 1973

Participants are:

Bombers, Rensselaer; Indians, Twin Lakes; Jimmies, Jimtown; Zebras, Rochester.

Pairings for Dec. 28

7:00 EST Twin Lakes vs Jimtown

8:30 EST Rochester vs Rensselaer

Tickets are now on sale in the office. The ticket is good for both nights, for $2.50. Single tickets, available at the door for $1.50. To assure students the best seats and a ticket to the Holiday Tourney, it is recommended that you get tickets from the school.

All Sports Quiz

1) Who won the National League batting title in 1970?
A) Rico Carty
B) Pete Rose
C) Billy Williams

2)Who lead the A.B.A. in scoring during the 1970-1971 season?
A) Julius Erving
B) Zelmo Beaty
C) Dan Issel

3)Who was the leading passer in the National conference last year?
A) Fran Tarkenton
B) Bill Kilmer
C) Norm Snead

4)Who was the Kentucky Derby winner in 1970?
A) Riva Ridge
B) Dust Commander
C) Cannero II

5)Who was the scoring leader at the end of the 1970 hockey season?
A) Phil Esposito
B) Bobby Hull
C) Bobby Orr

6)What pitcher did not throw a nohitter during the 1972 season?
A) Dock Ellis
B) Burt Hooten
C) Bill Stoneman

7)Where was the Mephis Franchise located before 1970-1971 A.B.A. season?
1) Pittsburgh
2) Miami
3) New Orleans

8)Who was the leading scorer in the N.B.A. the close of the 1971-1972 season?
A) Nate Archibald
B) Jerry West
C) KareemAbdul-Jabbar

9)Who was manager of the year in the American league last year?
A) Earl Weaver
B) Ralph Houk
C) Dick Williams

10)What pro-golfer won the masters and the U.S. open in 1972?
A) Tom Weiskopf
B) Jack Nicklaus
C) Bruce Crampton

Coming Events

Dec. 21 — Wrestling Kankakee Valley

Dec. 21 — Basketball at Kankakee Valley 6:30

Dec. 21 — Dismiss for Christmas vacation

Dec. 27 — Swimming — Lafayette Jeff Invitational 12:00

Dec. 28 and 29 — Basketball — Rochester tourney

Jan. 2 — School Reconvenes

Jan. 2 — Swimming at Merrillville — 7:00

Jan. 3 — 9th Basketball at Twin Lakes 6:30

Jan. 3 — Wrestling at Knox

Jan. 5 — J. V. Basketball at Logansport

Jan. 8 — Swimming at South Newton

Jan. 8 — 9th Basketball at Winamac 6:00

Jan. 8 — Wrestling — Pioneer — 5:30

Jan. 11 — Basketball at Knox 6:45

Jan. 11 — end of first semester.

Answers to sports quiz

Answers: (1) A (2) C (3) C (4) B (5) C (6) A (7) C (8) C (9) A (10) B

Baseball Review

It is time to disagree and agree with the baseball awards of the past 1973 season.

First came the manager of the year. In the National League Gene Mauch of the Montreal Expos was selected. This seemed unfair because of the fine job that Los Angeles Dodger manager Walt Alston, and St. Louis Cardinal Manager Red Schoendists did. The Dodgers had the National League's second best record next to Cincinnati. The Cardinals came from last place and almost won their division.

Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles received the Cy Young award. Many disagree with this because of the year Nolan Ryan of the California Angels had. Sure Palmer might have won twenty games, but did he pitch two-no-hitters like Ryan did. Besides these two-no-hitters, Ryan also had a one-hitter.

The National Leagues' Cy Young winner is also unfair. As you remember, Tom Seaver, of the New York Mets received the award. There are three other pitchers who deserved it such as Ron Bryant of the San Francisco Giants who won twenty games, Jack Billingham of Cincinnati, who won nineteen and lost nine. Then there is the fine relief pitcher of the Montreal Expos, Mike Marshall.

Most valuable player honors went to Oakland's Reggie Jackson, and Cincinnati Reds Pete Rose. There is no doubt that both of these players deserved it. Reggie had a great year as well as Rose. Pete won the batting title, collected 230 hits and was never in a slump.

Last but not least are the rookies of the year. In the American League the award went to Al Bumbry of the Baltimore Orioles. There is no doubt that Bumbry had a good year and that he truly deserved it. In the National League Gary Mathews of the San Francisco Giants got the award.

The sports writers overlooked John Grubb of the San Diego Padres. Grubb batted a little over 300. Also how about Rogers of Montreal and a few other fine rookies.

Anybody who disagrees or agrees with this, may write to the editor and explain the reason.

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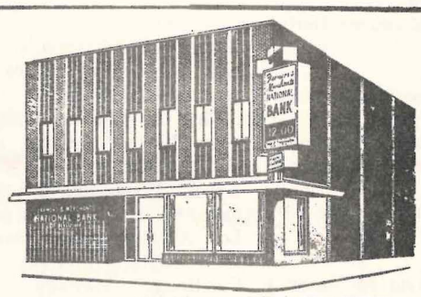

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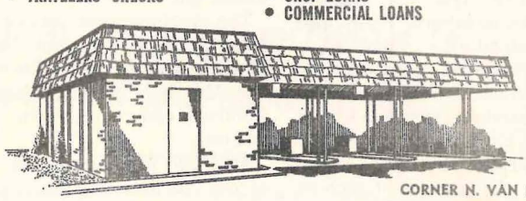

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